

# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS

## STATE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is dedicated to improving the health of the Nation's underserved communities. Over the past 30 years, we have worked with many organizations to bring thousands of dedicated clinicians to communities that need them most. These organizations can assist students, clinicians, communities, and sites looking for opportunities to improve and expand access to health care for all Americans nationwide. Specific contact information is available on their Web sites or by calling the NHSC toll-free help line at 1-800-221-9393.

### **State Primary Care Offices**

Primary care offices (PCOs) are federally supported offices within State governments that work toward identifying and addressing the needs of the medically underserved in their States. For more information, visit the Bureau of Primary Care's (BPHC) Web site at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/OSNP/>.

### **State or Regional Primary Care Associations**

State and regional primary care associations (PCAs) are private, nonprofit membership associations representing federally supported programs and other community-based providers of care to the underserved. The PCAs work to assist their members and other safety net providers to meet the needs of the medically underserved throughout their States or regions. For more information, visit the BPHC Web site at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/OSNP/>.

### **State Offices of Rural Health**

Each office's mission is to help their individual rural communities build health care delivery systems. They accomplish this mission by: collecting and disseminating information, providing technical assistance, helping to coordinate rural health interests statewide, and supporting efforts to improve recruitment and retention of health professionals. For more information, visit the State Offices of Rural Health Web site at <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/50sorh.htm>.

### **Area Health Education Centers**

The mission of area health education centers (AHECs) is to enhance access to quality health care, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of health professionals through community/academic educational partnerships. For more information, visit the National AHEC Organization Web site at <http://www.nationalahec.org/aboutus.asp>.

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**Toll-Free Help Line:**  
**1-800-221-9393**  
**<http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/>**

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